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HIGH PERFORMANCE BULK METAL MAGNETIC COMPONENT

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated August 12, 2003, the following remarks are filed.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-27, drawn to a high performance, low core loss bulk magnetic component, classified in class 335, subclass 296; and

Group II. Claims 28-50, drawn to a method for manufacturing a high performance, low core loss bulk magnetic component, classified in class 29, subclass 602.1.

In response to the restriction requirement, applicants elect, with traverse, the invention of Group I, claims 1-27 for further prosecution on the merits.

Reconsideration of this restriction requirement is respectfully requested. The Examiner has stated that the inventions, as grouped, are separate and distinct because (i) the component of Group I, as claimed, can be made by a materially different process, e.g. direct application of adhesive to each layer rather than by impregnation of several layers. Yet the relationship between (i) the high performance, low core loss bulk magnetic component of Group I, and (ii) the method of Group II for impregnating it with an adhesive bonding means which is thereafter activated to laminate the component layers, is an interdependent one, there being the same physical and structural concepts in the broad aspect of the invention.

It is well established that applicants should be allowed reasonable latitude in claiming their invention, provided they do not unduly multiply the claims, which is not the case here. Ex parte Seiback 151 U.S.P.Q. 62. It is submitted that the fields of search involved in examining the claims as grouped would, as a practical matter, be essentially co-extensive and the best interests of the public would be served by having all of the claimed subject matter in the same application.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

In view of the elections taken herein and the remarks set forth above, it is submitted that this application is in allowable condition. Accordingly, allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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